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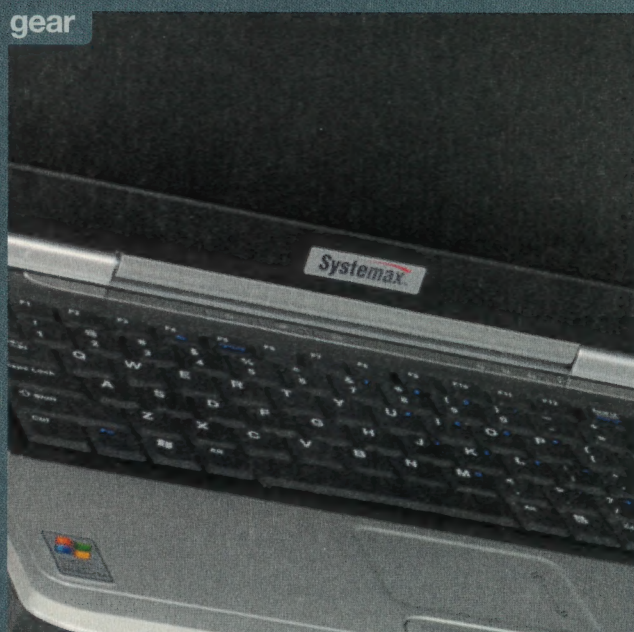
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## Under \$20

**The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker**

Few GC owners haven't played *Wind Waker*, but if you know one of them this will be the best \$20.00 gift you'll have ever given.

**Super Mario Sunshine**

One of Miyamoto's best came and went with far less critical acclaim than it deserved. Now one of the best platformers ever—and arguably the best Mario to date—can be had for less than what real plumbers charge by the hour.

**Metroid Prime**

The game every Metroid fan wanted to hate, that ripped Samus from her 2D roots, received the Miyamoto touch and went on to become the best first person shooter adventure of an era.

**Sonic Heroes**

Sonic and company's best 3D outing to date was abysmal on PS2 but shined brightly on GameCube.

**Tak 2: The Staff of Dreams**

The Pupununu people's unlikely hero that flew his chicken suit into hearts everywhere: Tak's GameCube debut gave rise to a franchise that seems to know no boundaries.

**Mario Golf Toadstool Tour**

Of the many fine Nintendo character based sports titles *Toadstool Tour* ranks among the best.

**Luigi's Mansion**

The GameCube launch "killer app" that wasn't regarded as such remains one of the system's very best. No Cube owner should be without it.

**SpongeBob Squarepants: Battle for Bikini Bottom**

Home sweet home for wayward sponges, the formidable and funny platforming paradise is *SpongeBob's* best game to date, and they've been as tasty as Krabby Patties.

**The Simpsons Hit & Run**

The alternative to GTA that proves that laughter wins over violence every time (Also same review as before, change?).

**Disney's PK: Out of the Shadows**

One of the most underrated GameCube games; PK is a great platformer/shooter in every way, and Donald's best since *Quackshot*.

GC

## GameCube Best of 2005

**Resident Evil 4**

Considered the best game ever by many, it deserves every last ooh, ah, and holy s---! It receives. Easily the best sequel since *Ocarina*, it took RE in a new direction we hope to see much more of in the years to come.

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**Spartan: Total Warrior**

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**Shadow the Hedgehog**

While Sonic takes a much needed vacation, Shadow does the honors in a 3D Sonic-style assault that adds weapons to the mayhem.

**Killer 7**

You want innovation on par with the mature-themed masterpiece that people petitioned for with *Policenauts*? That would be Capcom's *Killer7*—one of the year's boldest and most talked about games.

**Fire Emblem: Path of Radiance**

Tactical role playing gets a whole lot better with 3D battlefields host to stunning effects, and story elements only an anime fan could love. A great tactical RPG for the holiday break.

**Donkey Kong Jungle Beat**

2D so gorgeous you'll curse with every beat of the drum that you're not playing it in proper real-time. This is a game so gorgeous that you will force yourself into believing that platforming with bongos is actually cool...which it is so very not.

**Star Fox Assault**

Third person shooting action and TM 3D space shooting from the gods combined to create the year's best pure shooter.

**Scooby Doo Unmasked**

...An insanely entertaining adventure platformer that perfectly mimics the fun and camp appeal of the show. Mystery Inc. is in good hands over at THQ.

**The Incredibles: Rise of the Underminer**

Who needs a movie sequel when you can continue the story as a part of it? A sparkling game adaptation everyone will surely dig.



## PlayStation 2

TOP IO

## Under \$20

**Kingdom Hearts**

Equal parts Square and Disney; action RPGs don't get any better.

**Jak III**

Open-world action, adventure, and driving while completely immersed in a Hollywood-quality epic story.

**Final Fantasy X-2**

The most innovative Final Fantasy since VII, X-2 features an all-female cast, non-linear progression, floating hubs and stunning visuals.

**Sly 2: Band of Thieves**

Action platforming met stealth for the first time in this multi-character, story-driven open-world caper.

**Gran Turismo 3 A-Spec**

'Twas the epitome of PS2 racing right up until 4 was released.

**SpongeBob Squarepants Battle for Bikini Bottom**

A dazzling hub-based platformer from developer Heavy Iron, based on the infamous talking sponge and his starfish buddy.

**The Simpsons: Hit & Run**

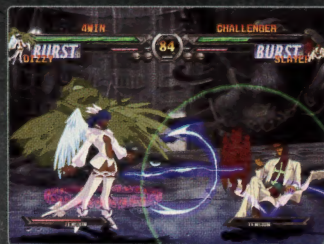
The alternative to GTA that proves that laughter wins over violence every time.

**Burnout 3: Takedown**

'04's racing juggernaut blended high-speed racing with metal-mashing crashes: An adrenaline junkie's dream come true.

**Guilty Gear X2 Reload**

Carrying the torch for 2D fighting since Street Fighter left us all high and dry. As long as heaven and hell are going at it, we're safe.



## "E" for Everyone

**Legend of Kay**

Great games begin and end with great gameplay and design that never stops evolving. Legend of Kay carries the mantle for its kind.

**Scooby Doo Unmasked**

THQ put out yet another masterfully executed spin on Scooby and the game, this time letting Scooby really spread his paws.

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One of the best critter-based open-world action adventures you will ever play; an absolute cornucopia of gameplay and ingenious level design.

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**The Nightmare Before Christmas: Oogie's Revenge**

Oogie and Jack took their sweet time but the game is all the better for it. Capcom has successfully adapted Tim Burton's movie magic into a game.

**Tak: The Great JuJu Challenge**

Great CG and storytelling (Tak staples) combine with great one- (or especially two-) player platform racing action.

**Ty the Tasmanian Tiger 3: Night of the Quinkan**

Ty's third lighthearted outback romp combines the best bits of the original and Ty 2 for a nicely balanced 3<sup>rd</sup> turn with Bush Rescue.

**Robots**

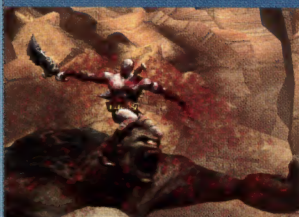
Levels in line with the flow of the film make this incredibly well-realized puzzle action game worth tinkering with.

**Madagascar**

The entire (animal) cast gets in on the action making for some diverse gameplay and a few laughs.

PS2

## Sure Fire Action

**God of War**

The action experience of 2005 may well be the greatest action epic ever made. A watershed moment in the evolution of visceral action.

**Psychonauts**

Tim Schafer took his dog & pony to platforming, creating one of the best hub-based adventures ever that stands as the epitome of platformers for grown-ups.

**Shadow of the Colossus**

Its serenity shattered by the massive behemoths that become its levels, the creators of Ico have again shattered the mold.

**Spartan Total Warrior**

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**Darkwatch**

Mix vampires, the Old West, and smoking hot heroines with insane detail and deft first person adventure and you get one of the most exciting new franchises in all of gaming.

**Castlevania: Curse of Darkness**

Think old-school Simon's Quest-era Castlevania only with a Symphony of the Night-quality soundtrack, added depth, and stunning creature effects.

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**Rise of the Kasai**

Wonderful cinematic style and parallel storylines merge with the proprietary fighting that made the first a legend for its time, and formidable AI: There's nothing else like it.

**Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves**

Immersive multi-character multi-genre action and story integration that succeeds on every level with the added delight of levels designed for 3D glasses.



## Genji

Hardware defying visuals and Onimusha-style action and adventure made Genji one of the year's most beautiful and exquisite action games.

## Resident Evil 4



It's not quite the GameCube version, yet it still ranks among the PS2's most visually arresting games: Graphics supported by the series' new emphasis on action and true horror.

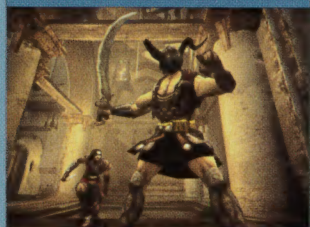
## Indigo Prophecy

A supernatural thriller that twists and evolves based on the player's decisions; Indigo Prophecy has fulfilled the prophecy of true "cinematic" gaming.

## Project Snowblind

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## GTA San Andreas

For that hot coffee lover in the family (adults only please) give them something to remember this year by and memorialize the coolest controversy since the "Fatality!"

## PS2

### Best Racers

#### Gran Turismo 4



Detail, realism, and replayability second to none—GT 4 exists in a class of its own.

#### Burnout Revenge

More than just a racing game; Criterion made crashing just as big a draw.

#### Need for Speed Most Wanted

No one does chases better. EA's RRPG is the picture of longevity and pure racing satisfaction.

#### Enthusia : Professional Racing

For Konami's turn on the driving simulation they placed the emphasis on skill and finesse over horsepower, with beautiful results.

#### Jak X



Not just another cart racer, Jak X is high-speed chaos that combines skill with tactics like nothing else in its class.

## PS2

### Top RPGs

#### Dragon Quest VIII



Traditional turn-based role playing and storytelling taken to supreme new levels, RPGs simply do not get any better. The house of Square Enix now truly reigns over the genre.

#### Magna Carta



From Korea, a new take on battles is met with some of the most stunning character designs in a decade.

#### Digital Devil Saga 2



Ethereal and haunting, the RPG that devours its prey and feeds off their souls continues to get better with age.

#### Atelier Iris



Isometric action and stunning 2D battles make this one of the most exciting RPG series to come along in a long while.

## PS2 Fun Stuff

### We Love Katamari

Roll up clumps to fill the sky with "katamaris." The best game ever involving balls, and there have been more than a few.

### Guitar Hero

Put the bongos down and stow the dance pads. Now you can become a Headbanger in the privacy of your own home. The best music game since Parappa makes air guitar a thing of the past.

### Playboy: The Mansion

Throw parties, get lucky, publish actual issues of Playboy, and live the glamorous life. M-rated gaming at its best (Viagra not included).

### DDR Extreme 2

Like DDR ... but more extreme. If you can't get enough of its funky stuff, have another.

## PS2 Fighting

### Soul Calibur 3

Aside from its insanely gorgeous models, SC is still the only choice when it comes to weapon-based fighters.

### Tekken V

The Tekken formula lives on and only improves with age.

### One Piece Grand Battle

Miss Powerstone? Love anime? See One Piece Grand Battle.

### WWE Smackdown vs. Raw 06

Yuke's and THQ continue to evolve the art of fake wrestling, foraging fodder for fans year in and year out.

### Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects

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## Under \$20

**Mercenaries**

This was wartime GTA only about, oh, say five times more entertaining. A brand has been born. Let's hope the team doesn't muck up the works by taking it online.

**Fable**

Play's 2004 Game of the Year was the first action RPG that reacted and evolved depending on the player's actions and remains to this day a miracle of design.

**Voodoo Vince**

He was Microsoft's Mario but the powers that be lost the faith and shoved him out in front of traffic... But we all know what happens when you hurt Vince. Watch out team green... Karma's a tiny voodoo doll whose rights you should set free if you're not going to use them.

**Mechassault 2: Lone Wolf**

MGS took mech warfare to amazing new heights allowing players to exit their heavy metal monstrosities and jack others. It was a bit thin due to the online component but remains one of 2005's coolest campaigns.

**Sonic Heroes**

Sega Blue shined brightly on Xbox with no jaggies or loading in sight, making Sonic and company's 3D best all that much better on Xbox.

**Silent Hill 4: The Room**

As disturbing alternate worlds and hideous creatures go, Silent Hill is ground zero for your worst nightmare.

**Grabbed by the Ghoulies**

Don't be fooled by posers who would say differently. This is a true Rare game in every sense of the word... Its only fault is its simplicity which is no fault at all.

**Armed & Dangerous**

It's epic, crazy fun, and the funniest third person adventure game ever created on top of being insanely gorgeous... Yet people for the most part passed. People are strange.

**Scrapland**

How this one didn't hit will forever remain a mystery. While some of the aerial physics weren't perfect, on the whole, Scrapland was a genius effort taking the GTA mold in bold new directions.

**Tork**

Straight arcade run, jump, and hit action has never been so glorious. The last game of its kind for sure; you have to be brain-dead not to grab it at under 20.00.

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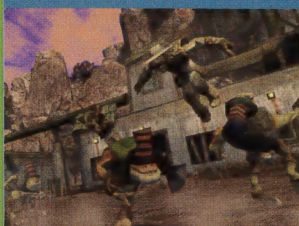
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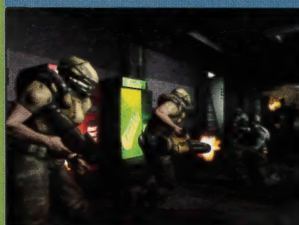
## Sure Fire Action

## Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath



Oddworld made one of the best games ever, bar none, and it put them out of the game business. Welcome to the video game industry circa 2005, when shit games can sell big by marketing alone while would-be legends are swept under the rug. Bitter? Yes, very. The rage only builds.

## Doom 3



...Let there be normal maps amidst great detail... traditional FPS gameplay so good no human can cease firing, and let there be a movie starring The Rock to bring it all down in a fiery heap of burning embers...

## Conker: Live and Reloaded



Gaming's only foul-mouthed, pissing, alcoholic squirrel stars in an Xbox game that could easily pass for an Xbox 360 game, so, if you can't upgrade or don't see the reason to just yet, get pissing!

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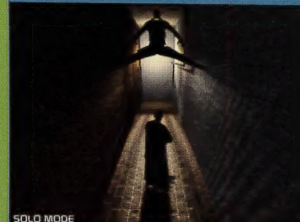


Like Oddworld, Double Fine amazed us this year by reinventing the platformer to such a degree that their latest should have started a revolution, but the sad state of retail in the land reared its ugly commercial head and it fell short. This game isn't great; it's super-hyper-mega-great.

## Castlevania: Curse of Darkness

Castlevania couldn't have come to Xbox at a better time. The latest and one of the series' very best, hardly ever loads and looks absolutely brilliant on Xbox. Second only to Symphony this is Castlevania at its adventurous best.

## Splinter Cell: Chaos Theory



Michael Ironside brings Sam Fisher to life in the best of the series thus far (and oh what a series it's been). The alternative to MGS; we're sure the rivalry is just getting started. Chaos Theory may also be the best looking Xbox game ever, rivaling The Chronicles of Riddick and Doom 3.

## TimeSplitters Future Perfect

If über developer Rare's latest FPS offering isn't up to snuff, it's because the core team broke off to form Free Radical and pursue their own FPS dreams of which this is the best so far.

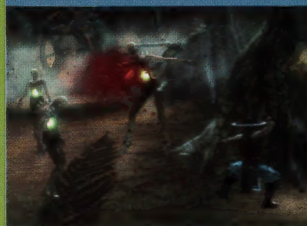


### Phantom Dust



Yet another game that didn't sell nearly what it should have (it's never too late), Phantom Dust—designed by the creators of Panzer Dragoon—is a bottomless mission-based action-fighter that excels both online and off while putting up some of the best visuals and character design ever seen on Xbox.

### Mortal Kombat: Shaolin Monks



Kung Lao and Liu Kang take matters into their own hands, breaching Outworld to stop the unsanctioned slaughter of the monks on Earth Realm and do some cleaning house while they're at it. Perfect player control and cause and effect gameplay don't get much better.

### Far Cry: Instincts



Ubisoft Montréal's FPS offering has halo killer written all over it. From the graphics to the intuitive gameplay this is an FPS adventure with almost no equal.

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### Kingdom Under Fire: Heroes

Although Phantagram's sequel was harder than the first (when the opposite was promised) it was still cause for fans, and newcomers looking for a real challenge, to celebrate. Mixing RTS tactics with real-time action in epic form, KUF is the reigning champion of massively populated warfare



## Four for Fighting

### Capcom Fighting Evolution

It's like a Capcom fighting 2D block party: A 2D fighter fan's dream come true.

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### KOF Maximum Impact Maniax

KOF in beautiful 3D with stunning backgrounds and new characters in tow: A great mix of the old and the new.



## Top Racing

### Forza Motorsport

Microsoft's answer to Gran Turismo rang loud and clear (and on Live) as Forza is now a force to be reckoned with in the competitive and lucrative world of racing simulations.

### MX Vs. ATV Unleashed

Rainbow Studios did their part by taking pretty much anything that flies, rides, or drives, and throwing it into a mode-heavy speed party riding on their exalted engine.

### Need for Speed: Most Wanted

No one does chases better. On the job training for future car thieves everywhere.

### Moto GP3

Climax did what they do best again this year and gave us yet another stunning road-racing tour de force that exemplifies the beautifully rhythmic art of the sport.

### Burnout Revenge

More than just a racing game; Criterion made crashing just as big a draw.



## Best RPG

### Jade Empire

If strong RPGs are the foundation of a strong gaming platform, Microsoft had better get busy. This year we saw only one great RPG, and while it was truly spectacular, the user base (which seems to consist of sports, GTA, and Halo players) wasn't there to make it the hit it deserves to be.

## Fun Stuff

### Worms 4: Mayhem

Customizable teams of up to six worms each, a battle factory, and four-player vs. make this among the meatiest worm warfare games available to date. If you like Worms you should definitely bite.

### DDR Ultramix 3

The ultimate in interactive dancing is back for a third go-round.

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### Karaoke Revolution Party

Prove you can sing better than Ashlee Simpson without the embarrassing live performances.



## Handhelds

## TOP IO

## PlayStation Portable

## Death Jr.



Backbone's cheeky gothic shooting platformer wasn't quite perfect but it's a killer first-generation PSP game in every respect. Franchise town has a new inhabitant.

## MediEvil



The second PSP offering of the year featuring an animated skeleton, Sir Dan's latest escapade made for one awesome PSP puzzle action game.

## Gripshift



Like Monkey Ball only with cars and loads of diversity.

## Frantix



The kind of pick-up-and-play action game that can suck you in for five minutes or five hours.

## Metal Gear Ac!d 2



Now with its own eye-piece, Konami's tactical card-based MGS RPG continues to thrill both MGS and tactics fans.

## Wipeout Pure



On a system with too many racing games if you have to own two, it's this and Ridge Racer.

## Popolocrois



Top down hand-crafted role playing that's as detailed as they come; a compelling story and intriguing battle system make PoPoLoCrois the reigning PSP RPG king...so far.

## Virtua Tennis



An intuitive, star-studded impossible to put down tennis game. As tennis games go this one eats console tennis games for lunch.

## TOP IO

## Game Boy Advance

## Gunstar Super Heroes



The legendary 16-bit Genesis game finally gets its long overdue sequel and as expected it is a marvel of sight, sound, and gameplay.

## Advance Guardian Heroes



Not one but two Treasure sequels in one year. This one was more of a departure from the original but the stunning 3D and unique gameplay make it great.

## Kingdom of Paradise



Sony's first action RPG for PSP features character designs from renowned Korean animator Ko Jinho and a focus on frantic sword combos and a flexible combo system.

## Legend of Heroes



Falcom's entry into the PSP RPG race has a great story, gorgeous hand drawn visuals and is adorned with generous special effects.

## GBA

## Mega Man Zero 4



MMZ4 introduced the Zero Knuckle (the coolest MM gadget since Mega Man's dog Rush) which allows Zero the parts to create new items, and variable difficulty through...the weather?

## Shaman King Master of Spirits 2



In the spirit of Castlevania, Konami crafted yet another superb side-scroller for Shaman King this year.

## The Legend of Zelda: The Minish Cap



The rich Zelda lineage continued from Four Swords to Minish Cap and saw Link shrink for the first time in yet another stunning action/RPG.

## Sigma Star Saga



Wayforward and Namco combined space shooting and role playing resulting in an amazing new brand of RPG that deserves a turn on console.





**Racing Gears Advance**

Top down racing doesn't get any better. RGA is super deep, graphically superior to anything in its class and most of all, incredibly fun and addictive.



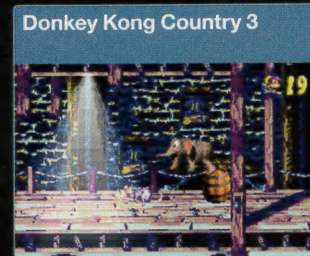
**Fire Emblem: The Sacred Stones**

Once again, the Fire Emblem series produced a great story, music, and especially graphics. One of the reigning tactical RPG's marches on.



**Klonoa 2: Dream Champ Tournament**

Floppy eared Klonoa's trademark jump, grab, and flutter gameplay plugged into 45 gorgeous stages of inventive 2D platforming complete with a story twist!



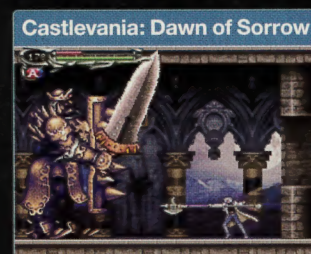
**Donkey Kong Country 3**

One can never get enough Donkey Kong. You can take the Rare out of Nintendo, but you can't take the apes out of GBA.

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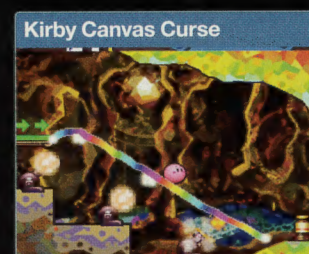
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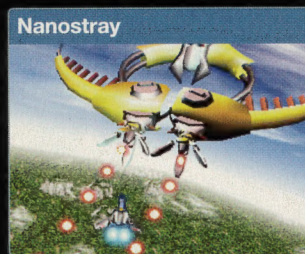
**Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow**

Legendary Castlevania 2D laced with superb creature designs, incredible effects, and stylus spell casting!



**Kirby Canvas Curse**

Kirby needs a helping hand and you have the stylus: Pure addiction.



**Nanostray**

Possibly the best mobile shooter ever made, it's like a 3D console shooter...without the console.



**Trace Memory**

Trace Memory is the kind of new world RPG that makes you stand up and take notice. Think Myst with real-time accoutrements.



**Sonic Rush**

Quite possibly the best Sonic game ever created. This 2D in 3D Sonic is a marvel of traditional Sonic devices taken to the next level in every way.



**Mario and Luigi: Partners in Time**

Mario & Luigi star in their own RPG. A delightful adventure filled with humor and charm.



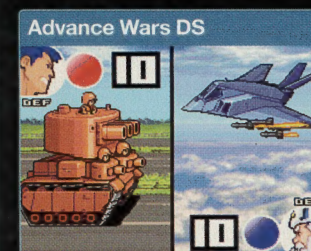
**Yoshi Touch & Go**

OD on cuteness as you guide Yoshi and baby Mario on their merry way.



**Metroid Pinball**

Who knew knocking Samus around a pinball table could ever be this much fun? ...Best pinball game ever.



**Advance Wars DS**

Real-time strategy on the split screen as only Nintendo can deliver. One of the best games of 2005.



**Viewtiful Joe Double Trouble**

Joe takes his show (in a show) on the road and lets players manipulate the background in real-time to tip the scales.



## TOP 10

## Sports

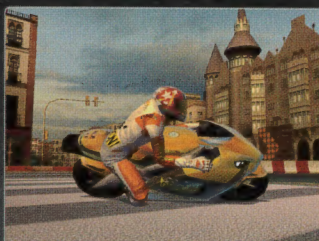
FIFA Soccer 06 (PS2, Xbox, GC)  
 Moto GP 3 (Xbox, PS2)  
 SSX On Tour (PS2, Xbox, GC)  
 MX vs. ATV Unleashed (Xbox, PS2)  
 NBA 2K6 (Xbox, PS2, Xbox 360)  
 Madden NFL 2006 (PS2, Xbox, GC)  
 NHL 06 (PS2, Xbox, GC)  
 Tiger Woods PGA Tour 06 (PS2, GC, Xbox, Xbox 360)  
 NBA Live 06 (PS2, GC, Xbox, Xbox 360)



FIFA Soccer 06



MX vs. ATV Unleashed



Moto GP 3



Tiger Woods PGA Tour 06

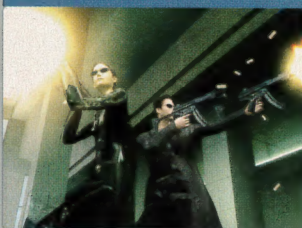
## Top Movie Games 2005

## Peter Jackson's King Kong



As stunning a game as it is a movie—maybe even more so.

## Matrix: Path of Neo



Technologically innovative and ever-evolving, this is the pill Matrix fans have been waiting to swallow.

## Hulk: Ultimate Destruction



Open-world action and destruction that is simply tons of fun.

## Ultimate Spider-Man



The true comic book Spidey slides into Treyarch's familiar open-world mold with better pacing and killer bosses.

## The Nightmare Before Christmas: Oogie's Revenge



The magic of Tim Burton takes adventure gaming to be its lawful wedded corpse bride.

## Batman Begins



What could be the best comic book film ever made; the game is nearly on par.

## Aeon Flux

Sumptuous in-game models and acrobatic action amidst massive future expanses make Aeon Flux worthy of its leading lady's namesake.

## And for the kids...

## The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe



C.S. Lewis' magical novel comes to life as well as can be expected in the virtual realm. An enchanting game that manages to incorporate 4-player simultaneous action without mucking up the works.

## SpongeBob Squarepants: The Movie



Relive the magic of the quest to save Mr. Krabs and foil Plankton's plan-Z...and drive around in a ham-burger while you're at it!

## Robots



Levels in line with the flow of the film make this incredibly well-realized puzzle action game worth tinkering with.

## Scooby Doo Unmasked

...An insanely entertaining adventure platformer that perfectly mimics the fun and camp appeal of the show. Fred and Daphne said to say "hi".

## Madagascar



Simple yet compelling multi-character gameplay that does the film proud.

## Chicken Little

The creators of Tak have created a Chicken Little game that ranks among the most beautiful cartoon-based ever, and plays pretty great too.



## Top Holiday PC Games

## Top PC games

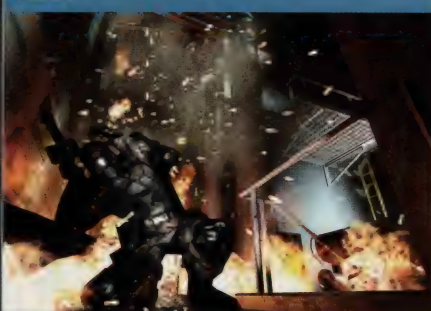
## Blockbusters

## Call of Duty



Call of Duty 2 is one of 2005's finest shooters, and it's available in a great double-DVD Collector's Edition package. The full game is on one DVD, and on the second disc you'll find revealing mission walkthroughs with developer commentary, in addition to an historical account of the Point du Hoc assault. This Military Channel mini-documentary is interspersed with real-time footage from the game, reinforcing how staggeringly detailed the Call of Duty 2 experience really is.

## FEAR



Last year it was Half-Life 2, and this year Sierra/VU release another huge first person shooter with FEAR. Developed by the veteran first person action masters at Monolith, FEAR presents incredible atmosphere and wildly entertaining enemy AI. Environments are cold and urban, lit with painstaking detail, and physics displays are the most satisfying since HL 2. The Director's Edition includes a developer roundtable session, "Making Of" documentary, FEAR comic by Dark Horse and more.

## Big Hits

## Battlefield 2



This holiday season, Battlefield 2 players can explore the stealthier side of modern combat in the Special Forces expansion. Featuring Navy SEALs, MEC Special Forces, Russian Spetsnaz, British SAS, Rebels and Insurgents, the game will add night missions (and night vision equipment) to the mix, as well as zip lines, grappling hooks and tear gas. With eight big new strategic maps and ten new vehicles, including a combat ATV, Special Forces adds a refreshing twist to the BF 2 formula.

## Civilization 4



With significant enhancements made to the classic Civilization formula, Civ 4 is quite possibly the best game in the series. New diplomacy and trading options afford space and time to really evolve your lands and people, and loads of unit upgrades and cool additions—such as religion, complete with coercive missionaries—round out a deeper and better looking update of the venerable historic strategy series.

## Cheap Thrills

## Darwinia



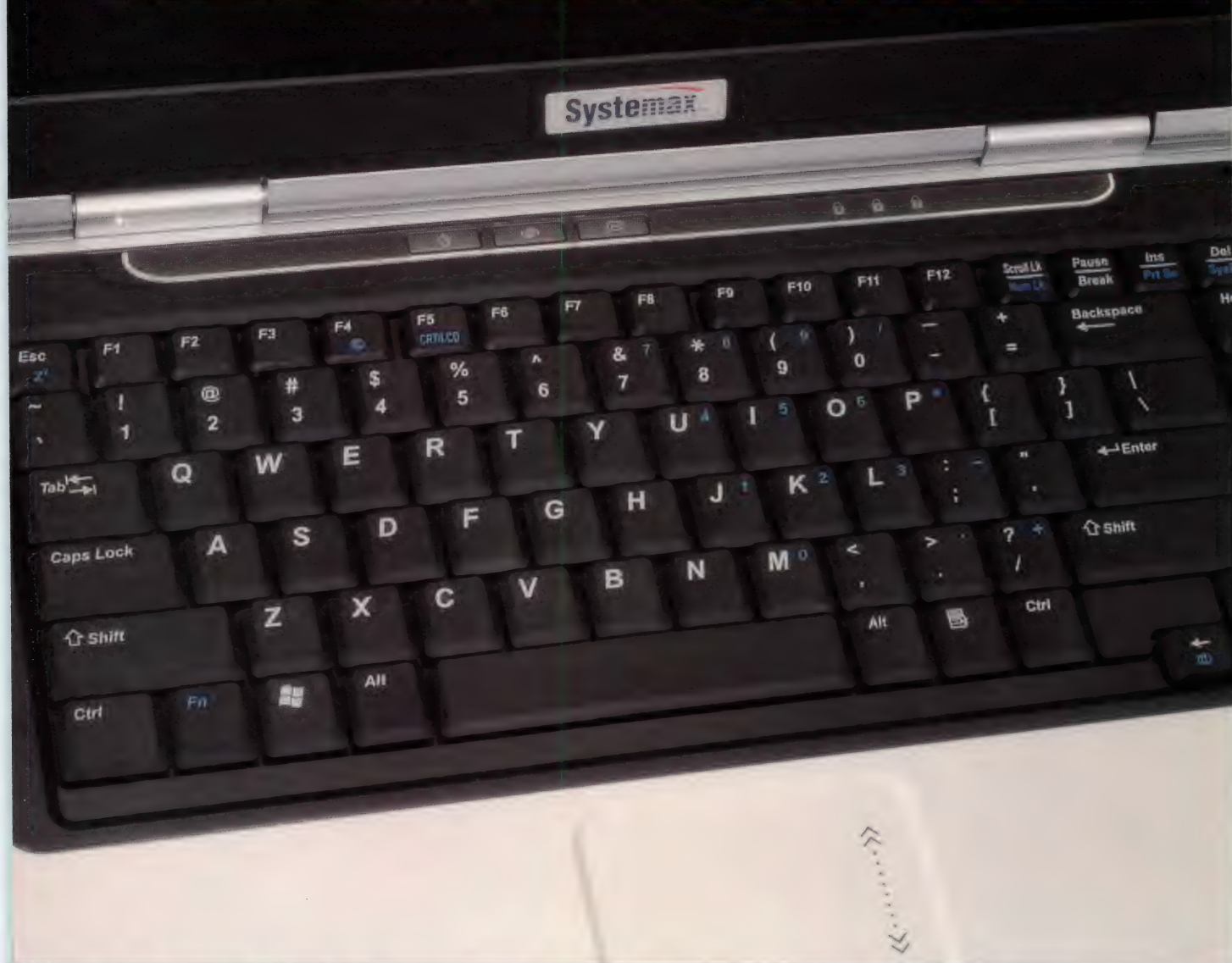
At just \$30, Darwinia should not be missed. Independently developed and self-published by UK-based Introversion Software, this hybrid RTS takes place in a computer world of eye-popping vector graphics and intoxicating electronic soundscapes. You must save the oft-maligned Darwinians from the virus that threatens their existence. Visit [www.darwinia.co.uk](http://www.darwinia.co.uk) to try the free demo!

## Rag Doll Kung Fu



Mark Healey, one of Lionhead Studios' top artists, decided that he wanted to create a fun little game in his spare time. The project spiraled out of control (in a good way), and with Valve's assistance, Mark's first independent title—the delightfully original Rag Doll Kung Fu—is now available through Steam ([www.steampowered.com](http://www.steampowered.com)) for just \$14.95. RDKF is all about good humor, chi-power and pinpoint mouse control.





### Systemax Pursuit 4220 Notebook PC



Built and backed by American workers and customer support, Systemax has been assembling reliable PC systems out of Fletcher, Ohio for over 20 years. Their Pursuit 4220 Notebook PC offers full-featured functionality, starting with a strong 2.0GHz Intel Pentium M processor, large 100 GB hard drive, and a healthy 1GB of memory. The Pursuit 4220 also has a gaming spirit beneath its compact exterior, packing an ATI Mobility Radeon X600 graphics card with 128MB of video memory.

Having capable fundamentals is important, but a laptop also needs to have utility and functionality if you're going to be taking it on the road. The Systemax Pursuit 4220 includes Intel Centrino mobile technology, allowing users to tap into wireless internet hotspots in hundreds of different locations, or enjoy convenient wireless home networking. A DVD+RW drive is also

included, and with multiple USB 2.0 and Firewire ports, you'll be creating media libraries, watching movies, listening to music and transferring files—whether wirelessly or plug 'n play at 400 Mb/s per second—all through the convenience of a lightweight notebook. And with its vibrant 1600 x 1050 resolution LCD screen on a naturally wide 15.4-inch display, the 4220 is easy on the eyes during hours of work and play.

Priced aggressively at \$1599 through popular online retailer Tiger Direct ([www.tigerdirect.com](http://www.tigerdirect.com)), and with a payment plan as low as \$48 bucks a month, the Systemax Pursuit 4220 Notebook offers great features in its class. *Note:* A fully updated Windows XP Pro is included.



## PC Hardware Guide

If you've assembled a home entertainment paradise for console gaming, rest assured that your PC set-up might achieve similar glory. 'Tis the season for new toys, and we have a selection of cool products that will kick your PC into high gear.

## Featured Review

## Logitech G7 \$90

## The BMW of wireless gaming mice



**Price:** At around \$90 bucks, Logitech's G7 is going to set you back a little more than the average mouse, but there's nothing average about the G7.

**Installation:** The G7 enjoys a simple and flexible installation. You plug a small dongle into any free USB slot, and presto, that's your wireless link. The G7's battery charger, which is itself plugged into a USB slot (from which it draws its power), can also be used as a receiver base. The build quality on all parts is very good, although the mouse wheel is a tad ornery, with some fairly bumpy friction on rolls and a too-subtle middle click.

**Performance:** You will immediately see and feel the difference in precision and tracking that a 6.4 megapixel laser can offer, and the Polytetra-pads on the bottom of the G7 give it a quiet teflon-style smooth glide. With on-the-fly sensitivity selection between 400, 800 and 2000 dpi, tasks from careful image editing to fierce multiplayer action will benefit from the appropriate acceleration. Like most of Logitech's recent gaming mice, the G7 is fairly large and has excellent form-fitting lines.

**Functionality:** One of the big draws here is the cordless feature, and this inevitably requires a remote signal and a portable power source. The G7 uses a strong 2.4 GHz signal piped through the USB port, and it employs a pair of lightweight Li-ion battery packs—one to power the mouse and one in the charger—that you'll swap out with a quick push and click every 8 to 10 hours. The G7 will hibernate during non-use, maximizing each charge.

**Final word:** It's cordless, it's comfy and it's blazing fast. If that adds up to "I want one", you'll find the G7 is an indulgence worth splurging for.

## Wired Gaming Mice – For those who prefer a mouse with a tail



Razer Copperhead \$65

Razer's high precision wired gaming mouse, the Copperhead, is a great alternative to the G7. With a 2000dpi laser engine, the Copperhead's performance is on par with the G7, and it goes a step further with 32KB of onboard memory—allowing you to retain personal settings, even if you plug it into a different PC. The Copperhead has excellent build quality, attractive inner-lighting (in red, green or blue) and smooth teflon feet. Though comfortable, the large rubber ridge along the side of the mouse can sometimes disrupt the path to buttons—especially on the right side—and the Copperhead's cord is a little stiff. Combined with a slightly unconventional snake-like frontal design and a very pronounced click on the main buttons, this great gaming mouse may require some breaking-in to fully appreciate. Also be sure to download the latest Copperhead drivers and firmware.



Microsoft Laser Mouse 6000 \$60

Clearly the most orthodox design of the three gaming mice we've tested, the Microsoft Laser Mouse 6000 also boasts the best comfort for left-handed users. As part of Microsoft's Game Precision series, the extremely lightweight 6000 offers tracking resolutions up to six megapixel (hence the name) and various speed settings that place it close to the performance range of the G7 and Copperhead. The mouse is thin but well built, and it has the best middle mouse button/wheel of any tested mouse. For stuff like quick weapon toggling in first person shooters, and the Windows platform has some outstanding representation in this genre, the Microsoft Laser Mouse 6k excels. Also worth noting: the 6000 is fully compatible with Mac OS X (10.2, 10.3+).



Multimedia Mastery

ATI's All-in-Wonder X800 XL \$399



Slot Type: PCI Express

Memory: 256 MB

ATI's All-in-Wonder series has consistently proven itself to be the most capable line of multimedia-specialized graphics cards, pairing extremely powerful radio and TV signal broadcast with fast 3D acceleration. The 256-meg All-in-Wonder X800 XL continues the trend in glorious high definition.

This card packs dedicated H.264 decoding and digital video tuning, with support for MPEG 1/2/4, DivX, and WMV 9. In plain terms, the AIW X800 XL has additional tuning and decoding hardware on board: hardware that turns your PC into an audio and video hub for full high definition TV broadcast and PVR recording of TV shows in lovely HD resolutions straight to your hard drive. Where to from there? To your media collection, of course, using the AIW X800 XL's embedded DVD burning capabilities. The included Multimedia Center software and intelligent remote control transform your dazzling digital media center into a very functional experience. The powerful X800 XL hardware works its magic as you navigate interactive programming guides, pause live TV, or edit home videos—viewed on your TV, monitor, or HDTV in stunning resolutions. The All-in-Wonder X800 XL package includes a hefty collection of input and output cables for digital and analog configurations, and the card stays nice and cool under pressure with smart fan and heatsink placement. The AIW X800 XL provides stereo FM radio and HD television broadcasts, first-rate media recording and management, and it'll stomp through Half-Life 2 and Doom 3 for dessert. At \$399, it's a huge entertainment value.



## PC Hardware Guide



**Logitech Z-5450 Digital 5.1 Surround Speakers \$499**

The Logitech Z-5450 5.1 speaker set is the perfect solution for PC gaming. You might also integrate these speakers in a home theatre system, as they have abundant power with 315 total Watts. Regardless of media source, you can take advantage of the wireless—yes, wireless—rear speakers. In terms of surround sound quality, the 5.1 imaging is fantastic. The Logitech Z-5450 speakers performed brilliantly in games and movies. Also includes a receiver/console and handy remote control. Shop around online; these great speakers can be had for *much* less than the MSRP.

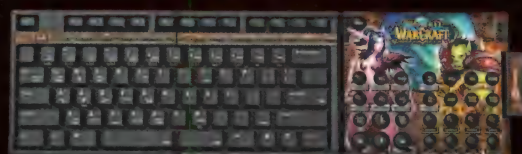
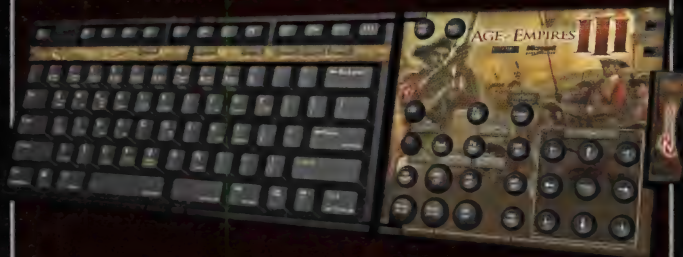


**Logitech G15 Gaming Keyboard \$70**

What constitutes a "gaming" keyboard? Start with durable, tactile, non-spongy backlit keys on a large, sturdy layout. Add a couple of USB ports to the back, 'cause that's convenient. Programmability is a must, and the G15 has 18 such keys in their own section of the keyboard, begging to be assigned button macros. You can even set-up a macro—in seconds—mid-game. If you like, it'll record the timing too: how long a key is held, or the gaps between key presses. If you play massively multiplayer games, the G15's recordable macro keys are a godsend. There's also a flip-up, backlit LCD screen with completely programmable display profiles. It's unfortunate that Logitech isn't launching the G15 with more official game profile support, but it's coming. They're working with developers. It won't be long before you see ammo counts, hitpoints, mana, deathmatch scores and other useful alerts on your G15's LCD screen—and open source coding means clans and guilds can create their own custom LCD profiles too. Cool stuff.

**Zboard: The keys to victory - \$20 (keyset) \$50 (base unit)**

Ideazon's Zboard keysets are great for players who are just starting out with the hottest new PC titles, providing a customized gamer-friendly configuration designed for maximum response times. From simplifying tasks like unit management in *Age of Empires 3* to swapping out weapons and issuing commands in *Battlefield 2* and *Call of Duty 2*, Zboard has you covered. The high quality official game artwork gracing each keyset sweetens the deal. Check out [www.ideazon.com](http://www.ideazon.com) for more information.



**Microsoft Wireless Laser Desktop 6000 \$90**

If you're searching for an all-in-one wireless desktop solution that's also practical for everyday productivity, Microsoft's Wireless Laser Desktop 6000 is a fine choice. Notable features include strong Bluetooth wireless, a 1000dpi laser mouse with contoured design and 4-way scrolling tilt wheel, and a curved key layout with ultra-comfortable padded palm rest.

## PC basics, done right OCZ Memory and Power



**Dual Channel Gold GX (1 GB) \$175**

Ok, so computer RAM isn't the most romantic gift under the tree, but it'll show some sweet love to your PC's performance. Having more RAM is probably the easiest way to speed up games, especially in online titles like *WoW* and *Battlefield 2*. We recommend OCZ's High Performance dual-channel DDR memory. Top performance numbers, the finest heat dispersion and the best warranty (Lifetime, period) make OCZ an easy first choice. And compared to some of their high-end peers, the OCZ modules won't lay your wallet.



**PowerStream 520w PSU \$120**

Another gift that just oozes sweet tenderness is a PC power supply, but seriously, there's nothing tender about frying your motherboard when that new SLI set-up kills your PC. A good power supply delivers clean, consistent power to every part of the PC, from the smallest LED light, to the DVD drive and video card. OCZ's award-winning PowerStream series get the job done with industry leading signal integrity and peak capacity. PowerStream is also the quietest power supply on the market, with a fan only your dog can hear.



**Rally Flash Drive - \$75**

Flash drives are meant to provide a fast and convenient way to quickly transfer and transport files, but they don't always live up to their potential. OCZ decided to refine the format. The Rally Flash Drive (reviewed here in 1GB format) is effortlessly plug and play, and it enjoys very fast transfer speeds thanks to dual-channel technology. The drive itself is ultra-sleek, designed to slot into any free USB port, even if it's sandwiched between other USB connections. A blue LED light on the Rally's base lets you know when files are zipping across to the drive's memory. We haven't been picky about which flash drive we use, until now.



# Peripherals

**Mega Man \$29.99, Shadow the Hedgehog \$29.99, and 2.4 GHz Wireless Sagat, Evil Ryu, and Cammy Street Fighter controllers from Nuby Tech \$49.99**

Great for franchise die-hards and collectors alike these formidable pads come in spectacular packaging, and the SF wireless is the ultimate in SF chic with its 3 to 5 frame lenticular animation, leather style case, character anthology and even SF batteries!!



**Mad Catz PS2 RetroCon \$19.99**

Finally there's an actual reason to buy a wired aftermarket controller. Mad Catz Retro Con has it all; great design, illuminated buttons and it's a solid super quality pad.



**Resident Evil Chainsaw Controller for PS2 \$59.99**

Be the zombie with this spectacular RE controller Chainsaw. Updated from the GCN version, the PS2 chopper comes with a collector's stand, unique design to each chainsaw and a pull cord featuring actual chainsaw roar which mimics the sound of an actual chainsaw, and doubles as the "start" button. And Nuby's new N-Motion technology allows Leon to raise or lower his gun by mimicking the same motion with the Chainsaw Controller. Now that's what we call a great gift!



**Pelican hand-painted designer Camouflage wireless controllers \$34.95 PS2 \$29.95**

While the PS2 version is a solid aftermarket controller (save for the D-Pad which needs work), the Xbox version is far and away the best wireless pad available for the system with short welled analog nubs and good action all around. The closest you'll get to a wireless "S" controller.

**Power to go**

**XPower Pocket Powerpack 100 \$119.00**

Need power where there is none? Here's the solution. The P100 will run a game console for an hour, portable DVD player for 2 hours, and a laptop for 2.5. But the best part is that on a full charge it will recharge your Blackberry 30 times, iPod 20 times and PSP or Cell Phone 8 times. It also converts 12 VDC power from your vehicle battery into VAC power to run your stuff. [www.xantrex.com](http://www.xantrex.com)



**Hear no evil...**

**Solitude noise-canceling headset ProTravelGear.com \$199.00**

Noise pollution (planes, engine noise, subways, crying babies etc.) is a huge problem when you're listening to MP3s or gaming on the go so if you're tired of your regular headphones or earbuds, then the Solitude noise-canceling headphones are here to save you with an outstanding 18 decibels of active noise cancellation (the highest available on the market today) and over 20 decibels of noise cancellation across the entire sound spectrum. Additionally, the audio fidelity quality of this \$199 headset is almost indistinguishable from the \$300 Bose QuietComfort 2 headphones (its closest competitor) and the sleek design and luxuriously padded vinyl ear cushions fold into tennis ball size when not in use.

**Clean Up Your Act**

**Disc-Go-Pod Plus disc repair machine \$495.00**

For the guy or girl who has everything, why not a 500-dollar disc cleaner? The Disc-Go-Pod Plus is virtually hands-free; its self-adjusting polishing pads and multiple timed repair cycles make it as easy as placing in the disc and walking away, and the results are astonishing with even the heaviest scratches wiped clean. We put in previously junked old games and CDs and couldn't believe they came back to life.



# Peripherals



## Pelican GameGlass \$139.99

We tested all of the flip screens out there and not only is Pelican's GameGlass the best; it's the ONLY such screen worth owning for the new thin PS2, Game Cube or Xbox. Stay FAR away from anything else especially the Intec screen which is just painfully bad. The GG delivers a surprisingly crisp picture, rich colors, and has adjustable brightness and volume.



## MadCatz 7.0 TFT Universal Game Screen \$99.99

The Cadillac of travel screens; MadCatz 7-inch hi-resolution backlit LCD screen delivers an amazingly sharp picture (even subtitles are crisp and easy to read) and it's compatible with all 3 consoles and DVD players. It's bulkier than a flip-screen but at 99.99 (50% off the normal price if you buy direct at [www.madcatzstore.com](http://www.madcatzstore.com)) who's complaining?



## PSP Audio Solutions

There are a few ways to go if you're looking for a quality portable sound solution for your PSP so, we tried them all and found the best for the money on each side of the pricing spectrum.

### Nyko Theater Experience for PSP \$79.99

Not only does Nyko's PSP coffer deliver as promised but with its black brushed aluminum case it's actually presentable, where most of the competition appear ultra-cheesy.

The NTE delivers 7 hours of additional battery life or can be used to recharge the PSP 2-3 times making it ideal for games or DVDs on the road, especially with its dual headphone jacks. The high-fidelity speakers are also remarkably good given their size and everything you need cable- and power-wise is included. The NTE is a quality all-inclusive PSP solution offering all you need in a PSP peripheral. If you're looking for a simple charger case, the NTE's little brother is your best bet at 49.99.



### Intec's Sound System for PSP \$29.99

Features two 3.5-watt per channel bass and tweeter combination stereo speakers that fold down flat for easy storage; uses the PSP's existing AC power adapter or 3 AAs for power and comes with a cloth carry bag. For the money it's an altogether good performer with surprisingly nice sound.

### Logitech PlayGear Amp \$59.99

You can spend more but at 59.99 we found the PlayGear Amp to be the clear choice for the best portable PSP sound. Its matched quad micro drivers deliver remarkable performance in a small package; the custom-fitted cradle holds the PSP while you listen to music or watch movies, or you can use the included extra long audio cord to enjoy great sound while you play games. It also comes with a nice hard case, its own power supply, and runs on 4 AA batteries if the need arises.





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## Anime/Manga

## Manga

## Best Box Sets



## ADV Thin Pack Collections

Chrono Crusade, Neon Genesis Evangelion, Mezzo, Kino's Journey, Original Dirty Pair, Abenobashi

Ghost in the Shell SAC Special Edition Box and Official Log 1 **Manga/Bandai**



2nd GIG Special Edition



Official Log



Macross Plus The Collection Manga

Astro Boy: The Complete Series **Sony Pictures Home Video**

Rurouni Kenshin TV Series Season 1 Box **Anime Works**



## 2005 Top Series

(in various stages of completion)

**FUNimation:** Fullmetal Alchemist (supernatural action 13 and up) Samurai 7 (Action/Sci-Fi TV PG) Burst Angel (Action/Sci-Fi TV 14) Gunslinger Girl (Action/Drama TV 14)

**Geneon:** Samurai Champloo (Action 16 and up) Gankutsuou: The Count of Monet Cristo (Action Adventure 16 and up) Melody of Oblivion (Sci-Fi 16 and up) Tenjiho Tenge (Martial Arts Action 16 and up) Tetsujin 28 (Action/Sci-Fi 13 and up) New Getter Robo (Action/Sci-Fi 16 and up)

**AnimeWorks:** Genshiken (Comedy and up) Otogi Zoshi (Action/Drama 13 and up) Grenadier (Action/Comedy 13 and up) Ah! My Goddess (Supernatural Comedy 13 and up)

**ADV Films:** Samurai Gun (Action 16 and up), Elfen Lied (horror 16 and up) Madlax (Action/Drama TV 14) Gilgamesh (Gothic Horror/Drama TV 14) Godannar (Comedy/Sci-Fi-TV MA) Get Backers (Action/Adventure 15 and up) Full Metal Panic Fumoffu (Action/Comedy TV PG) **Bandai:** Overman King Gainer (Sci-Fi 13 and up) Mars Daybreak (Sci-Fi 13 and up)



Tetsujin 28



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# Anime/Manga

## Must-Have Movies



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The Place promised in Our Early Days TV PG Days ADV Films



**InuYasha The Movie 3** Media  
Fantasy/Action PG Viz  
**Ninja Scroll** UMD Action/Fantasy  
17 and up Manga  
**Steamboy Collectors Gift Set** Sci-Fi/Drama PG-13 Sony Pictures  
Home Video  
**Street Fighter Alpha Generations**  
Action/Drama PG Manga  
**Ghost in the Shell** UMD Sci-Fi  
17 and up Manga  
**Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence**  
Sci-Fi 13 and up Bandai

## Books & Original Soundtracks

**100 Bullets: The Hard Way** Gritty Crime Drama for mature readers  
**Hipira** - Katsuhiro Otomo (Akira) and Shinji Kimura (Lupin the Third)  
collaborated on this brilliant storybook about a little vampire boy.  
**Manga: 60 Years of Japanese Comics** Paul Gravett's comprehensive  
look at the history of Japanese manga  
**Robot Super Color Comic** A collection of Japanese comics hand  
picked by (and featuring) Range Murata



## Manga

Here's a selection of some of our favorite series of 2005...manga is highly subjective however so it's always best to match the series with the person you're buying for...or yourself (tee-hee).



**Action/Fantasy**  
**Devil May Cry** TokyoPop  
**Fantasy**  
Qwan



**Action**  
Samurai Champloo TokyoPop  
Fullmetal Alchemist Viz  
No Man's Land Seven Seas  
Zatch Bell Viz

**Action/Comedy**  
Blazin' Barrels TokyoPop  
Oh My Goddess Dark Horse  
One Piece Viz

**Action Horror**  
A Midnight Opera TokyoPop

**Sci-Fi**  
Ecole du Ciel TokyoPop  
Deus Vitae TokyoPop  
Baron Gong Battle Anime Works  
Cannon God eXaXXion Dark Horse  
Ghost in the Shell Man Machine  
Interface Dark Horse

**Drama/Comedy**  
Genshiken Del rey  
Gacha Gacha Del Rey  
**Comedy/Horror**  
I Luv Halloween

**Adventure**  
Junction 17 Antarctic press  
Neotopia Antarctic Press

**Supernatural Fantasy**  
Pilgrim Jager Anime Works  
Café Occult Infinity Studios

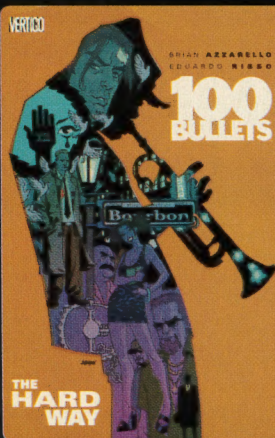
**Comedy**  
Girls Bravo TokyoPop  
Eiken Anime Works  
Cromartie High School ADV  
Legends from Darkwood Antarctic  
Press

**Sports**  
Eyeshield 21 Viz



## Amazing Original Soundtracks

**Mars Daybreak** OST Log 1  
**Ghost in the Shell SAC** OST 2  
**Samurai Champloo** Music record Katana  
**Paranoia Agent** OST  
**Tenjo Tenge** Graat Disc.1





## TOP 10

## Must Have DVDs



Sin City (Dimension Home Video)



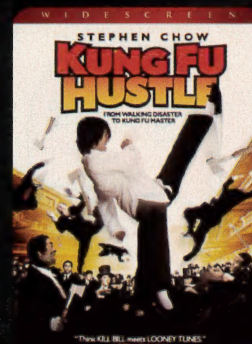
House of Flying Daggers Columbia TriStar Home Video (also available on UMD)



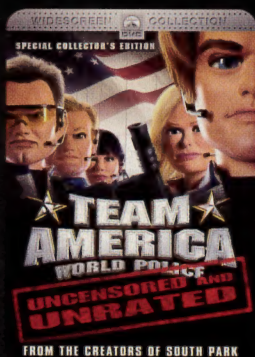
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story Unrated (Fox Home Entertainment)



Kingdom of Heaven (Fox Home Entertainment)



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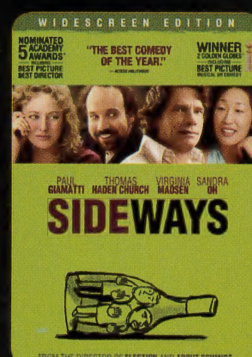
Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (Twentieth Century Fox Home Video)



Batman Begins (Warner Home Video)



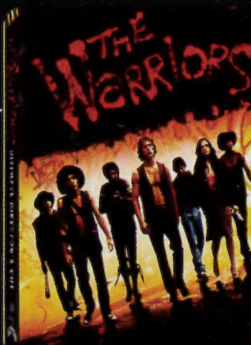
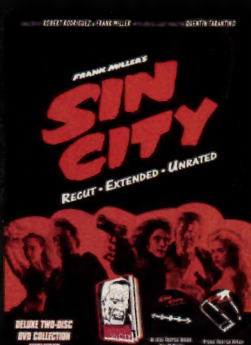
Constantine (Warner Home Video)



Sideways (Twentieth Century Fox Home Video)

Saw: Uncut Edition (Lions Gate)  
 Star Trek Nemesis Widescreen Collection (Paramount Home Video)  
 Gladiator Extended Edition (Umdl Dreamworks)  
 Sin City Special Edition (Dimension Home Video)  
 The Warriors Ultimate Director's Cut (Paramount Home Video)  
 Constantine 2-Disc Deluxe (Warner Home Video)  
 Batman Begins 2-disc Deluxe (Warner Home Video)

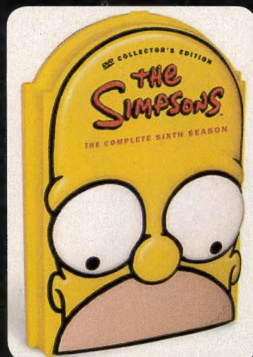
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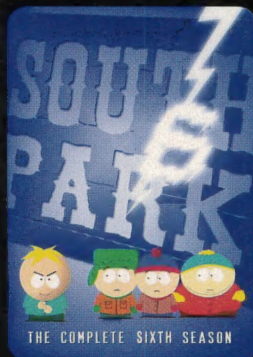


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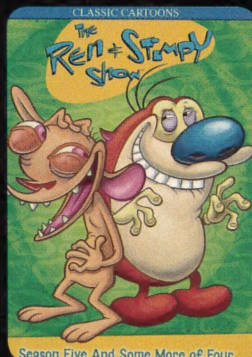
## Series on and off the beaten path



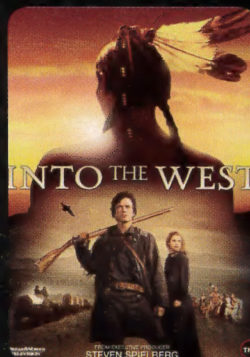
The Simpsons Season 6 (Fox Home Entertainment)



South Park: The Complete Sixth Season (Paramount Home Video)



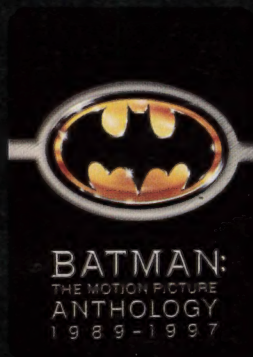
The Ren & Stimpy Show: Season Five and Some More of Four (Paramount Home Video)



Into the West (Umvd/Dreamworks)



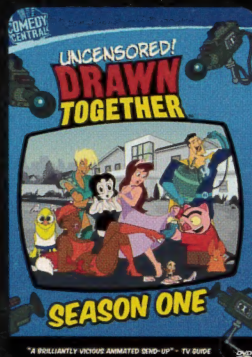
Happy Tree Friends Overkill or Winter Break (Venture Dist.)



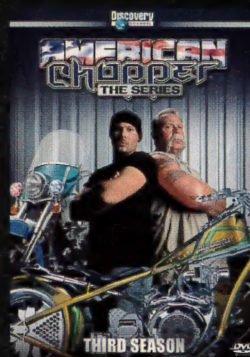
Batman Complete Anthology 1989-1997 (Warner Home Video)



Bruce Lee: Ultimate Collection (Fox Home Ent.)



Drawn Together Uncensored, (Paramount Home Video)



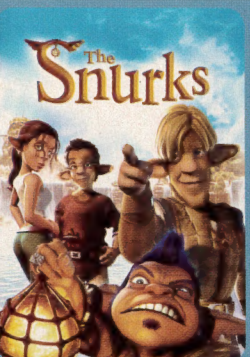
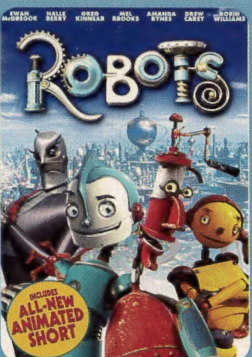
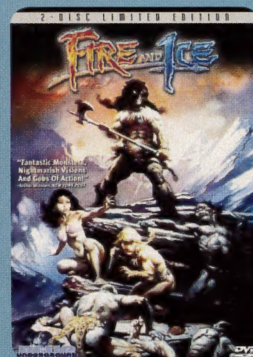
American Chopper: The Series Third Season (Columbia TriStar Home Video)



Point Pleasant (Fox Home Ent.)

Fire and Ice 2 Disc Limited Edition Blue Underground (PG)  
 Rock & Rule 2 Disc Collectors Edition Ventura Distribution (PG)  
 Robots Twentieth Century Fox Home Video (G)  
 The Snurks First Look Pictures (PG)  
 Sharks Tale Umvd/Dreamworks (G)

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